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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION STATEMENT ON NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT JULY 25 BY PRESIDENT ORTOLI OF THE EC COMMISSION TO PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS. BEGIN TEXT: IN THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND IN MY PERSONAL NAME I EXTEND TO YOU MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ACCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL. MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR COUNTRY AND FOR THE HAPPINESS OF THE GREEK PEOPLE. THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS THAT DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS IN GREECE COULD ONLY HAVE BENEFITED THE PEOPLE OF GREECE.
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FICIAL EFFECTS ON THE DEVELOPEMENT OF OUR ASSOCIATION. F.X. ORTOLI.

END TEXT.

2. AN OFFICIAL OF THE COMMISSION HAS INFORMED US THAT THE APPROVAL OF THIS STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION IS A CAUTIOUS FIRST STEP ON UN-FREEZING THE RELATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND GREECE. THE COMMISSION HOPES THAT THIS EXPRESSION OF GOODWILL WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN ATHENS BUT WILL AWAIT ANY REACTION FROM THE GREEK SIDE BEFORE GOING FURTHER.

3. IN A RELATED ACTION, TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, SIMONET AND SPINELLI, ISSUED A PERSONAL STATEMENT ON JULY 24 WELCOMING THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN ATHENS, SAYING IT COULD LEAD TO A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND GREECE, AND EXPRESSING THEIR HOPE THAT OTHER MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WILL EXPERIENCE THE SAME EVOLUTION OF EVENTS. WE HAVE NOT NOTED ANY REACTION TO THE STATEMENT BY THESE TWO COMMISSIONERS.

4. DEPARTMENT PASS TO ATHENS IF DESIRED. GREENWALD

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